

FISCAL UPDATE News Article

Fiscal Services Division

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IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The lowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council met at Camp Dodge on December 3.

Requests for Extension. Extensions were discussed in the cases of training for two separate reserve officers. Both were granted by the Council.

Requests for Waivers. Waiver requests for Administrative Rule 501-2.1(5), dealing with general requirements for law enforcement officers, specifically good moral character and moral turpitude were brought before the Council. One waiver was granted, and another one was denied.

Extension and Waiver Form Changes. Revised petition and waiver request forms were presented to the Council. The forms have been clarified and simplified for Departments and individuals completing them for submission. The Council approved the revised forms.

Decertification Process. Director Judy Bradshaw stated that administrative rules outline the decertification process. Individual police departments do submit paperwork when there is a status change of officer. The ILEA is working on a process to provide further follow up on status changes to determine if decertification is warranted. The goal is to provide more information sharing between the agencies and the ILEA to ensure hiring of quality applicants in the future.

Fee Structure. The certification processing fee was first charged in 2013. Currently, this fee is collected only from those trained at the ILEA. Approval was given by the Council to begin collecting this fee from graduates of the other academy programs within the state and the change will be effective January 1, 2016. This additional fee is expected to generate \$9,750 in a fiscal year.

Graduation Ceremony/Awards. Director Bradshaw informed the Council that after working with a subcommittee of the Council, decisions were made to limit the amount of time for speakers at the graduation ceremony, as well as award presentations. These changes will be implemented starting with the new academy class starting in January of 2016. The Council approved these changes.

Tactical Medic Training. Proposals for a 12-hour training and a specialty school training have been developed. Discussion included whether lowa Code changes is needed to institute Tactical Medic Training, and if a 28E agreement should be pursued between the ILEA and the Department of Public Health. A suggestion to hold an initial trial training to determine interest and feedback was made.

Director Report. Director Bradshaw reported that the 264th Academy graduation will be held on December 4, and the 265th Academy graduation will be held on December 11. Bradshaw has presented the FY 2017 budget request to the Governor and his staff, and also sent a letter to David Roeder, Director, Department of Management, outlining extreme maintenance and remodeling needs of the building. The ILEA received a grant for Blue Courage training. This training will occur in February 2016 for ILEA instructors and will also be available for sheriffs and police chiefs. The training will be provided at no cost and the Blue Courage program will be incorporated into the current curriculum. Retired Dubuque Police Chief Kim Wadding has been appointed as assistant director of the ILEA. The hiring process for an instructor in jail procedure is underway. There are additional instructor positions that the Director plans to develop as funding becomes available.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be February 4, 2016, at the ILEA building at Camp Dodge.

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